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In re the application of
RESS-LOSCHKE et al.)
Art Unit: 1652)
Serial No. 09/806,876)
Examiner: Fronda)
Filed: April 5, 2001)

For: A PROCESS FOR PREPARING CHIRAL CARBOXYLIC ACIDS FROM
NITRILES USING A NITRILASE OR MICROORGANISMS WHICH
COMPRISE A GENE FOR THE NITRILASE

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In response to the office action dated December 2, 2003, applicants request
entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the examiner's position: